Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 15 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 16 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 14 Oct 2023 at 10:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for transition to less cold, more settled weather from Monday onwards with winds becoming light, strengthening again mid-week.

Headline for Sunday 15 Oct 2023: Rather cloudy in north with wintry showers. Drier, brighter in south. Feeling bitterly cold with strong winds slowly easing.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 15 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%

Forecast for Sunday 15 Oct 2023

Weather: Further showers overnight and on Sunday, most of them in north of area. Showers of snow at most levels at first on Sunday, becoming confined to tops of munros by afternoon as milder air edges in. Ranges such as Creag Meagaidh and down to Ben Alder will have fewer showers and more sunshine.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in north, 70% in south

Low cloud and visibility: Away from showers, visibility will be very good but briefly very poor as wintry showers pass by. Fairly extensive cloud cover in north of area above about 700 to 800m with patches lower down in west. Clouds will be more broken in south of area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/50 NW	38/49 NW	39/50 NW	35/45 W	30/39 W	27/35 W	27/34 W	24/31 W	22/27 W
900	26/33 NW	25/32 NW	27/34 W	27/34 W	24/31 W	20/25 W	19/24 W	17/21 SW	16/19 SW
600	15/22 NW	14/21 W	16/23 W	17/23 W	17/24 W	13/19 W	11/17 W	11/16 SW	9/15 SW
300	7/18 NW	5/15 W	6/16 W	8/19 W	10/22 W	9/19 W	6/15 SW	6/15 SW	5/14 SW
Glen	3/18 NW	3/17 W	4/19 W	5/19 W	7/22 W	6/19 W	4/16 W	3/14 SW	3/13 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-18	-6/-17	-5/-16	-4/-14	-3/-12	-2/-11	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10
900	-3/-12	-3/-11	-2/-10	-1/-8	1/-6	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5
600	-1/-7	-0/-6	0/-5	2/-4	3/-2	4/0	4/-0	3/-0	3/-0
300	1/-2	1/-1	2/-1	4/1	6/3	7/4	5/3	4/2	4/2
Glen	1/-1	1/-1	1/-1	4/2	8/5	8/6	5/4	4/3	4/2
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	600m	800m	900m	1000m	1000m	1000m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold over higher ridges and summits with strong winds and temperatures close to freezing.

Forecast for Monday 16 Oct 2023
Weather: A mostly dry day with sunny spells. Just a few light showers remaining, wintry over tops of highest peaks.

Maximum wind: Westerly winds, average speeds of 15 to 20mph with gusts 35mph over higher summits in north of area.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%.

Low cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with occasional cloud above about 700 to 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius in glens at first, rising to 10 Celsius by afternoon.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius rising to plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1100m rising above the summits.

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